

CITY OF MIAMI BEACH
Office of the City Manager



Letter to Commission No. 086-2004

To: Mayor David Dermer and Members of the City Commission

Date: April 19, 2004

From: Jorge M. Gonzalez
City Manager

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Subject: Planning Board Workshops

Pursuant to the direction of the Planning Board at their March 23, 2004 meeting, a series of public workshops have been scheduled concerning the demolition of architecturally significant single family homes in Miami Beach. The first workshop will be held on **Monday, May 3, 2004**, at 6:00 P.M., at the Normandy Shores Golf Course Clubhouse, the second will be on **Thursday, May 6, 2004** at 6:00 P.M. in the first floor auditorium of the Miami Beach Police Department, and the third will be on **Thursday, May 13, 2004** at 6:00 P.M. in the auditorium of Nautilus Middle School.

The following general topics will be discussed at these public workshops:

- Proposed amendments to the City Code pertaining to the protection of architecturally significant single family homes;
- Incentives for the retention and preservation of existing single family homes;
- The process for renovating existing single family homes and strategies to address the requirements of the Building Code.

Attached, please find a copy of the agenda for these public workshops. The Planning Board will be taking up the final version of the proposed Ordinance regarding the Single Family Residential Review Board at their May 25, 2004 meeting. It is anticipated that such Ordinance will come before the City Commission in June or July.

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PUBLIC WORKSHOP CONCERNING THE DEMOLITION OF ARCHITECTURALLY SIGNIFICANT SINGLE FAMILY HOMES IN MIAMI BEACH AND NEW RESIDENTIAL CONSTRUCTION

AGENDA

1. Overview of pertinent issues.
2. Description of the current process for the review of demolition requests for architecturally significant single family homes.
3. Presentation and overview of proposed amendments to the City Code pertaining to the protection of architecturally significant single family homes.
4. Strategies and Incentives for the retention and preservation of existing single family homes:
 - Single Family Home Historic Structure Designation Process;
 - Relief from Florida Building Code requirements when exceeding the 50% rule;
 - Miami-Dade County Tax Abatement Program;
 - Potential benefits of a City Tax Abatement Program.
5. Flood Plain Management and Financing Issues.
6. Overcoming myths and misperceptions regarding the ability to add on to existing homes.
7. Collective impact of large scale single family homes on the scale and character of the City's single family residential neighborhoods.
8. Public input and commentary.
9. Summary and concluding remarks.